THE TOWER. JULIUS SYCLE & SON.

The Man-Tailor-Made Suits.

We look for some stirring times in the section devoted to Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits to-morrow-a special programme of rare values has been arranged. The worthiness of all the Suits we sell is known to hundreds of practical ladies hereabout. It is the kind to withstand the wear and tear, and will not shrink, no matter how low the price-a point to make this offering especially noteworthy. They are rich and handsome cloths, luxuriously silk lined, and all made by skilful tailors.

At \$15—English Imported Mias Covert Cloth, in all new

shades, Tans, Grays, Modes, Castors, Blues, Mixed Greens, Blues and Black; the coats are round cut, tight fitting, neatly cut and strictly lined with the best silk taffeta throughout, with inlaid pearl buttons; the skirts made in the Cyrano shape, the latest style, and silk finished, trimmed with buttons, and well lined,

the real value \$22.50. At \$12.50—An Imported Venetian Cloth, in all light spring shades, plenty of Tans, Modes, Castors, Blues, Grays, Garnets, Old Blue, Mixed Coverts, Black and White, Gray and White, lined throughout with silk taffeta in coat, box front, well made and stitched, the skirt made in the new cut, well lined, the

real value of this suit is \$17.50.

At \$10-A Homespun Weave Serge, in all new shades of Tans, Blues, Black, Grays, &c.; coats are box front, lined with the best tailors' satin; skirts are well lined, made in the newest style, and we are also showing several styles of Plain Covert and Fancy Mixed Suits, in Check Effects, in Black, White, Tan, White, and several other designs—the real value of them

At \$8.50-We are showing wonderful values, Tan, Stripe Cheviot, the effect of men's pants goods, and All-Wool Camel's-Hair Serges, in all colors; coats are all silk lined, some skirts are plain and flounce shape, well made and lined, the real

At \$5.96-A Wool Venetian Suit, a Mixed Covert Cloth, in all colors, made in the latest style, coat half silk lined, sold

Children's Headwear.

Children's Readwear

Doing more and more business every day in this Baby Cap Section of ours. Why? Because the very latest and most stylish shapes and the best quality are here at the substantial saving over all the other cap departments.

AT 25c.—A Fine Muslin Cap, with a rows of tucks, 3 in each row, with ruching all 'round and top, with baby ribbon and wide strings. It would be impossible for print to tell you of our great values in Baby Caps, but to-morrow we will offer some special values at 40, 44, 45, 45, 56, 69, 75c., 51, 51.50, 52, and \$2.19.

A Sale of Wrappers.

Cosey, comfortable; always modestly priced at this store. But these prices upset all ideas as to usual values. They are extremely unusual.

AT 75c.—Percale Wrappers, pleated, full back, strap belts, point collars, worth \$1, yoke front and lined.

AT \$1.—Percale Wrappers, yoke back and front, back full pleated, with revers over shoulders, finished with braid, worth \$1.70. some with Sparish flounce battom, special values will be offered at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.69, and \$2.

Laces and Embroideries.

The story is of exceptional value—almost sensational. A noted importer had too many of certain sort: we had too few. The purchase was made on a few that the purchase was made on a few to the few. The purchase was made on a few to the few. The first surface was for you at a like saving. Come Monday and see the great values we will offer in Valenciennes Lace, Imitation Duchess Lace. Real Torchon Lace, Oriental Lace, Hamburg, and Swiss, All kinds of Lace to be sold at great sacrifice.

Black Goods.

\$1 yard. \$2.25 Black Crepons, patterns beautiful, for \$1.50 yard.

Shirt-Waists.

Our Shirt-Waist Department is showing wonderful things in the Percale and White Shirt-Waists, Large line of Silk Waists has caused some wonderful selling. You ought to see them, Prices ranging from 50c. to \$6.

Silk Underskirts. Special values at \$5, \$6, and \$8.

ANOTHER WEEK WE WILL OFFER GREAT VALUES.

Heavy, Raised, Corded Taffeta Silks, in all new shades and designs, %c.—worth

Hack Satin Duchess, 27 inches wide, H.59 the regular price; to-morrow, \$1.

75c, for Black Satin Duchess, worth \$1.
Satin Duchess, in all colors, the silk back, \$1.
Wash Silks, in new designs, 40c.
All colors Satin, for waists, 50c. yard.
Black and White India Silk, 27 inches wide, 69c. value, for 50c.

Table Linens.

An unusual Linen chance for thrifty housewives to-morrow. It consists of 62-inch Blenched Damaşk at 56c.; 75c. is the usual price under ordinary circumstances, it is not a penny too much, either.

Some special values will be offered in Table Linen to-morrow at far below the regular prices—from 19c. up to \$1.59 yard. Napkins to match at reduced prices.

Parasols.

A very worthy lot of Ladies' Parasols at temptingly low prices to-morrow, with all new and attractive handles, and new ance while and striped silks and changble elects. Spar at values will be offered at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.89, \$2, and \$2.50. Children's Parasols, 25c, up.

Wonderful values will obtain here tomorrow. A large stock of Untrimmed Hats, Sailors, Walking Hats, Trimmed Hats, and Flowers to be sold at wonder-

A Sale of Sample Curtains.

We snapped them up when the maker was through with them; bought them for lmost a song. We will sell them the same

AT \$1-Lace Curtains full measure, tape all 'round, good patterns for \$1, worth double. AT \$1.25-Lace Curtains, full 31-2-yard lengths, beautiful patterns, for \$1.25, worth double.

The New Cottons.

The Dress Goods Counter will cause a wonderful excitement. Head these prices:
Camel's Hair Serge, 571-2c. value, for 51.69 Fancy Black Goods to be sold for il yard.

It ward.

The Cotton Section is beautiful. Such a lavish display of cotton beauty is new to good folks of this town. But then we are continually surpassing our own best previous efforts. The styles and patterns are great.

The Cotton Section is beautiful. Such dream.

O cease thy struggles vain, poor helpless thing.

Thou dost but raise a cloud of dust, which shrouds

The Octton Section is beautiful. Such a lavish display of cotton beauty is new to good folks of this town. But then we are continually surpassing our own best previous efforts. The styles and patterns are great. 12 1-2c. Dimity, in beautiful designs, for

121-2c. Embroidered Muslin, a new, alsed-cord effect, 81-3c. 121-2c. Organdie Lawns, in all new designs of this season, to be sold for 61-tc. 47c. Imperial Dotted Swiss, lovely patterns, to be sold for 121-2c.

The Heal French Organdie, in beautiful boral patterns, for 25c.

The Real Imported Silk Ginghams to be sold for 25c. yard. 17c. Madras Gingham for 121-4c. yard.

Special values will be offered in Ging-hams at 10c. Hig Percale values at 5, 61-4, 10, and 121-2c. Special sale of Colored Pique at 10 and 12 1-2c.

White Ooods.

Special values will be offered to-day all brough the White Goods. We are show-ng great values in White Lawns, Or-andles, Swiss, Table Linens, Mulls,

for the love of posterity, stop! O, stop! this "monkey business." I have never

had a chance to serve my country before

had a chance to serve my country before and may never again, but should I be the humble instrument of helping to avert this disaster I want all the honor due me, therefore, I subscribe myself. Yours respectfully, H. C. DE SHIELDS.

Railroad Notes.

Baby-Carriages. Big sale to-morrow.

Julius Sycle & Son.

Monkey "Help" in the South, Heathsville, Va., March 27, 1899.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: In a recent issue of the Dispatch I saw an account of the movement that is now on foot to buy and train monkeys for the purpose of picking cotton on southern farms. This information, though relating to a Mississippl plantation, was, I believe, conveyed to you mainly through the New York Press. This last fact is so significant that I, as an humble citizen of the South, appeal to you to do all within your power to stop this buying and training of monkeys. In the name of peace and unity, stop it. I am not a Washington, but looking back upon the past history of our country, how can we fail to see the inevitable result of this movement? Why, sir, the New York Press has already begun the tragedy. See how it has already commenced to flumanize these monkeys by presenting to the public pictures of the creatures See how it has already commenced to flumanize these monkeys by presenting to the public pictures of the creatures dressed in bonnets, and how it goes on and extols them in enthusiastic terms, cailing them our new "help." What does all this mean? Does it not mean that these animals are capable of being educated and trained to work? Does it not mean that already the New York Press is in love with them? Does it not mean that they are sure to be source of cheap labor to the "planter," and does not the

that they are sure to be source of chear labor to the "planter," and does not the fact appear that they are being bought? Now, what will be the next thing? Why, some hot-headed son of the South will one day cruelly chastise one of these monkeys, then somebody's monkey will get tired of picking cotton and will take up, perhaps, with some-organ-grinder and flee into Massachuits. Then extradition will be resorted and refused by the State; then the deral authorities will interfere in far of the owner; then public opinion will aroused, societies will be organized, preachers will preach against it, and books will be written. Not "Uncle Tom's Cabin" this time, but some pathetic story of broken-hearted and down-trodden monkeys being cruelly tortured by their owners. Who knows but that the miss-ing link will be found? Then war, with all its horrors, will be visited upon the country, followed by the emancipation of

the monkeys, the right of suffrage to the monkeys, and free schools for the mon-keys. Aye! then, even laws by some of

the States permitting us to marry mon-keys and fools among us to commit the

The Sons of Veterans will give one of their charming entertainments to-morrow night at Lee Camp Hall, to which the public as well as all Confederate organizations are invited. The music will be furnished by Captain Frank Cunningham and the Tony Miller Combination. One of the leading features on the programme will be the reading by the Rev. James E. Cook of an article on "Stuart's Cavalry Corps," written by Captain John L. Talley, a prominent member of Lee Camp. New Work for Rev. Chas. R. Hyde. The Third Presbyterian church of this city has given its pastor, Rev. Charles R. Hyde, a vacation of six months, that for that time he may become the financial agent of the Presbyterian Home and School at Fredericksburg. During his absence his pulpit will be filled regularly by Rev. A. H. Kippan, of Canada. Mr. Kippan preached for this people last Sunday, and made a very favorable impression.

Morris Easy Chairs, reversible cush-Mr. Editor, for the love of our dear Broad.

EVERY CHANDELIER A BRANCH.

THE GRIDIRONERS ENTERTAIN LADIES

Refreshmentless Situation Relieved by the Good Fairy of the Enter tainers, a Large Male Man in Suitafte Fairy Costume.

WASHINGTON, April 8.-The Gridiron Club to-night gave an enterainment for ladies, and it was one of the usual picturesque occasions for which the club is noted. The members of the club have made their reputation in unique dinner giving, and to-night they gave a reception to a large number of guests, different from the usual character of such affairs. About 175 ladies and gentlemen assembled in the Arlington Hotel parlors, and after being received by the president of the club and his wife were ushered into the large banquet hall, which had been transformed into a most beautiful miniature forest, illuminated by thou ands of electric lights of different colors There were trees of large dimensions, and every chandeller was an overhanging branch. These were filled with laurel and green vines, and amid the branches of the trees were many birds, so naturally arranged as to make the illusion more complete. About the sides of the room were ranged palms and ferns and pottric lights hang in the foliage. The room being entirely surrounded with mirrors, everything was seen in reflection, creating impression of a forest most brilliantly

NO REFRESHMENTS. As soon as the guests were seated, an entertainment began, containing a num-ber of musical numbers and vaudeville selections. At the end of this part of the programme, President Boynton, with much regret, announced that by some oversight no refreshments had been prearea. This was received with bitter emplaint from several members, who insisted that General Boynton's connec-tion with the army had made him forget tion with the army had made him toget-ial of his duty to the commissary depart-ment. In the midst of the discussion one of the members of the club rushed to a telephone hanging in the woods, and rang-for the Good Fairy of Gridironers, who appeared, with magic wand, and pro-mised to remedy the difficulty. The Fairy was coof the largest members of the was one of the largest members of the club, arrayed in suitable fairy costume, and his appearance created a great deal of mirth. One wave of the fairy sceptre produced a number of cooks, with the necessary tables and supplies, and one end of the hall was soon transformed into a refreshment bower, where an elegant repast was served.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE. During the evening woman suffrage was given a test. Each lady voting received

a beautiful souvenir.

Among the guests present were the Speaker of the House and Miss Reed, Admiral and Mrs. Schley, General H. C. Corbin, Senator and Mrs. Gorman, Mrs. Frink Hatton, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Radcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Noyes, Comptroller and Mrs. Dawes, Patent Commissioner and Mrs. Duell, and the Misses Key, of Chattaneoga, Tenn. a beautiful souvenir.

To a Dying Butterfly. (Crushed by My Heel One Peaceful Sum-

mer's Eve.) (For the Dispatch.)

Wee, quivering, dying butterfly,
How pitifully weak thy struggles seem,
As I above thee stand and watch thee lie
Low in the dust, and know how soon
thou'lt die,
And pass away like some forgotten
dream.

joy to thee as thou dost wing may among wild nature's noisy

For an inevitable fate hath now
Decreed thy time has come, and though
'tis hard
To weakly fall, yet it will not allow
Thee to arise, and thou at last must bow
To this omnipotent, eternal lord.

Ah! sad indeed it is to think that there Is not in the whole universe, which now Envelopes thee around, enough of air

To feed thy parch'd, thirsting lungs and

Awhile the blow to which thou now must bow. Yes, thou must die, and though I cannot

Thy swiftly fleeting life, yet I will raise.
Thee up from off thy dusty bed and lay.
Thee in my hand and let thee there breathe way.
The saddest of thy many fleeting days.

Poor thing! was thy brief life a joy to And did that heart, so wildly throbbing

one beat with an ambrosial joy to see
The world so fair, and know that thou
wert free
To roam 'neath Heaven's high imperial
brow? Did ere the knowledge of a love divine Thrill through thy heart as thou didst see the morn, Like to a blushing nymph kissed by the

wind
Of Heaven, rise from her couch of darkness blind
And paint with her own blushes the
newborn? I feel akin to thee, thou songless bird, For I am doomed, like thee, to flutter

A fleeting breath, and leave the thoughts That throng within my breast, because the word
To breathe them forth transcends my little view.

But ah! I see that thou art drawing near To thy last breath; the frantic beats of Frail wings tell me too plainly that the drear And heartless earth too soon will be thy bier.

While 'round thee folds of deepest mid-night lie. Yes; now thou art no more; awhile ago

Thou lay a trembling being, thrilling o'er With throbbing life. Now death has laid thee low, And to thy resting place now thou must

And rise again from it-ah, nevermore! But I will breathe a little longer here
And then beside thee in the earth will My head, and not an eye will weep a tear, Or heart beat softer as my own does here As from thy new-made grave I turn

away. HENRY C. NICHOLAS. Quinine Helps

liver medicines to cure biliousness and malaria. That is why Grove's Quinine Liver Pills are better than other liver pills. 10 and 25 cents.

Parlor Cabinets, magnificent mahogany samples, \$17.50, worth \$25, at MEYER'S, Foushee and Broad.

Sideboards and China Closets combined on sale at MEYER'S, Foushee and Broad

> 15c. PER HUNDRED at the

DISPATCH OFFICE.

A FOREST INDOORS. PEMBERTON, CORDES & MOSBY.

Your Present and Future Wants.

Easter marks the formal opening of the spring season, and we were never better prepared to supply at LITTLE COST (quality considered) your future as well as your pressing present Dry Goods wants. Our buyers did our spring and summer SILK, BLACK AND COLORED DRESS GOODS, WASH GOODS, and TAILOR-SUIT buying with accurate judgment and with the prophetic knowledge of what will be wanted-consequently we have not only very large assort. ments to show, but assortments of the kinds and styles you want—and MODESTLY PRICED, TOO.

(ON OUR FIRST FLOOR.)

SOME GOOD

An abundant gathering of strictly NEW SILKS, in new patterns and color combinations. Below we mention two lots of strictly GOOD GOODS, whose undervalue prices should appeal to every prospective Silk buyer.

LOT NO. 1. \$1 SILKS AT 73c.

Crystals,

Very desirable for Ladies' Shirt-Waists; olors-Nile, Olive, Purple, Yellow, Lightand Dark-Blue, Turquoise, and Red. The \$1 quality for,73c.

in Checks, Figures, Plaids, and Stripes, effective patterns, new and stylish color

Moire Velours, colors-Navy, Red, Blue, and Pink, extra

quality and finish. The \$1.25 quality for..... Printed Foulards,

27 inches wide, Light, Medium, and Dark colors, effective patterns. The \$1 quality for

LOT NO. 2. \$1.25-\$1.35 SILKS FOR 95c.

Corded Taffetas,

distinctively new, and very justly popular, very desirable for separate waists, or for evening or dinner gowns; colors-White, Gray, Blue, Pink, and Cerise.

Silk Poplins,

the Silk spring favorite, extra quality, and delightful finish, in all the evening tints and all the new shades of Pearl, Steel, and other Grays. The \$1.25 quality for

Striped and Plaid Taffetas,

new color combinations, in new patterns, The \$1.25 and \$1.35 quality for 95c.

China Silks,

Stripes, and Polka Dots, in all the and correct spring colorings, new patterns

Wash Silks,

Taffetas,

Every color in many shadings-the old-The \$1 quality for

Golf and Rainy-Day Skirts,

nicely made, of Mixed Cheviot and Covert Cloths, new styles, patterns, and colorings, at especially pleasing prices.

Special.

We are agents for the celebrated Fasso Corsets, and carry a complete stock in all shapes and sizes.

COLONIZATION OF SIBERIA.

Russian Official Report Shows Great Progress in That Region. (St. Petersburg Letter.)

A copy of the latest government report (published in French and Russian) con-cerning the progress of colonization in Siberia has just reached me, and forms very interesting reading. Exception may essibly be taken to the word "coloniza-on." There are no Russian colonies, 1 will be said. The general Anglo-Saxon idea of a colony is that of a distant coun-try beyond the seas united to the mother ountry by political ties. It was the Eng lish who first narrowed the definition of the term "colony" in this manner. As a matter of fact, colonies may or may not be contiguous to the mother country The conquest of Italy by ancient Rome that of Prussia by the Germans in the Middle Ages, of Siberia by the Russians in the past and present centuries, of the far West by our own people, are all colonizing ventures, in no way inferior to the occupation of Australia by the English and New Caledonia or Madagascar by the French. The Russians are, therefore, quite justified in speaking of their "colo-nization" in Siberia.

Among the matters of interest contained

in the above-mentioned pamphlet is a minute description of the progress recently made by the Russian Government in the development of those immense territories which extend from the Ural mountains and permanently established on the Trans-Siberian between Vladivostok and Shabarooka," and "work is being actively pushed on the two branch railway lines which are destined to place the Chinese frontier in communication, on the one hand, with the Oussouri railway; on the other, with the station of Stretensk."

tok), has been actively pushed on, without interruption, with all possible haste. Al-ready, in the autumn of 1856, the line be-tween Tchehabinsk-Omsk and Ob, a dis-tance of 752 miles, was open to traffic, as tance of 752 miles, was open to traffic, as was also the branch line between Tchehabinsk and Tekaterinenburg, a distance of 187 the section Ob-Krasnoyarsk-Oudinsk, forty-five miles in length, was inaugurated.

"licheus," and innabited only by horder to same and its tributaries. By a fortunate tricts, in the "governments" of Tomsk and Its tributaries. By a fortunate tricts, in the "governments" of Tomsk and Tobolsk, the Russians form nearly nine-tenths of the whole population.

To the east, in the "government" of the cultated that the country has present the country has presen

An important modification of the origi-An important moduleation of the original plan has been decided upon. The road which was to follow to Amor is to be replaced by a line which will cross Chinese Manchuria, and will thus shorten the total length by 350 miles. The treaty, according to which the Chinese Government contents a concession for the building of granted a concession for the building of the Manchurian railway, was a brilliant diplomatic success for Russia. The road will be built by Russian engineers, paid will be built by Russian engineers, paid will be built by Russian engineers. Will be built by Russian and protected by for with Russian rubles, and protected by 4.500,000. The Russians 10-day number for with Russian rubles, and protected by 4.500,000 out of a total population of 7.000. Russians soldiers. China is, it is true, to become the owner of the railway in thir-ty years' time, but before then Russian influence will have had full opportunity to develop and to "Russianize" that great Chinese province.

As for the advantages to be derived by Russia from this great railway system, they can, as yet, hardly be estimated. In case of war, within a fortnight Russian troops and provisions could be on Korean soil, while the British forces, starting from Portsmouth, would only be half way on their journey. As for the commercial advantages which Russia will reap, it is only necessary to say that, thanks to the Trans-Siberian, Moscow will receive teas from China a month in the agricultural dispersion of the comprove profitable to Siberian colonists. Five million rubles' worth of furs

SILK NEWS. A Special Demonstration

How to Use Featherbone?

under charge of an expert demonstrator, sent us by the Lawns, Dimities, manufacturer, who will demonstrate to and show you the art of using the various kinds of Featherbone. The exhibit begins MONDAY, April 10th, at our store, and is in charge of Mrs. Foster, who will take pleasure in explaining to the ladies of Richmond the proper way of boning and cording Real French Organdies, dresses and skirts.

LADIES' TAILORED SUITS.

About 100 carefully Tailored Suits, made of carefully-selected materials, broken lots and sizes of the past sixty days' selling, that have been marked at quick moving prices to clean them up quickly, so as to make room for our summer stock, now arriving. If you are interested in these goods an early call will be to your advantage.

30 Nicely Tailored Sults of Venetlan Cloth-colors, Black, Blue, Brown, and Green-a regular \$12.50 value, at \$7.40 Ladies' Man-Tailored Suits of Imported thecked Canvas Cloth, jackets silk lined, Ladies' High-Grade Tallored Suits, made f an excellent quality of Venetian Cloth,

n the new shades of Gray, jacket and

Ladies' High-Grade

Silk Waists. This is a detail of the greatest Shirt-Waist showing in the history of the store, But it is a detail worthy of special notice.

Ladies' Nicely-Made Taffeta Silk Waists, traight cross and bias tucks, a regular \$5.50 and \$6.50 value at......\$4.

Ladies' Black Satin and Taffeta Silk Waists, made yoke fronts, bias tuckings, ross tucks, edged with white satin, also and \$9 values at.......\$5.

over tucked and hemstitched with black, Gentlemen's Puffed Ladies' White Taffeta Silk Waists, all decidedly new..... \$10.

Ladies' Highly Fashionable Walsts, of White and Black Satin and Colored Taffetas, in all the new and hard-to-get shades of Violet, Gray, Royal Blue, Robins'-Egg Blue, Cerise, Pink, and Car-

Prices range from \$5.50 to \$10.

Belts and Belt Buckles.

Immense showing of Enamelled Belt-A much finer Hand-Carved and Hammered Silver Coin Buckles and Oxidized and Enamelled Buckles, some with colored laundered. stone setting, artistic designs, and colors. Prices-35, 50, and 75c., \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, to

COLORED DRESS GOODS.

Tailor Suitings. In stronger demand than ever, and with good reason. Handsome, hard-wearing fabrics, as stylish

mendous variety, from which we

select these for mention:

Irish Poplins at......\$1. English Covert Cloths \$1 and \$1.25. Venetian Cloths at..........\$1 and \$1.25. Herringbone Cheviots at \$2.

BLACK DRESS GOODS. New Crepons.

We are showing designs in these goods personal selections by our buyer, and so priced as to win your favor at once. Entirely new patterns in All-Wool, Silk and Wool, and Wool and Mohair Crepons

New Grenadines.

This is decidedly a Grenadine season Entirely new ideas and patterns in Checked, Striped, and Figures.

very light weight, an ideal summer

Batiste,

rimmed with black and white silk, \$8.50 fabric, good blacks and strictly all-wool,

Bosom Shirts,

made of excellent quality light-weight cotton, puffed bosom of nice quality of India Linen, a full size and comfort-giving garment, a regular \$1 value at 75c.

A \$1.50 Custom-Made Shirt for \$1,

Made to our special order of carefully selected materials, with all of the com-Buckles and Collar-Clasp to match.... 25c. fort-giving improvements, three stylesopen front, closed front, and pleated bosom-two and three pleats to a side,

Gentlemen's Elastic Seams Drawers, very comfortable. Ask to see them. All

NEW WASH GOODS.

An immense showing of all that season's newest and most fasci. nating Cotton Fabrics, in a bewil. dering assortment of new patterns and colorings.

and Batistes,

the best French goods, imported Koechia Bumgardner's make, handsome pattern and colorings, the 371-2 quality for .. 121-24

Galatea Cloths,

the best English goods imported, absolutely fast colors, Medium and Dark colors, solids to match,....

Printed Linen Lawns,

old time favorites, light and cool, fast colors, Figures, Stripes, and Polka

as they are serviceable. A tre- | Real Scotch Ginghams,

the kinds that wash perfectly, do not shrink and thicken up.

a Light-Weight Scotch Gingham, Stripes, Checks, and Plaids.

At 30c., a very fine Corded Scotch Gingham, et. clusive patterns, in Plaids, Stripes, and Checks, bright rich colors.

the Crepon Gingham, a novelty, very popular, and justly so,

Foulardines, a fine French Satine Foulard, patterns in Medium and Dark colors.

Printed Plumetis,

Printed Mousseline

a fine Dotted Muslin, French prints, er-

de Soie, light, siry, and shimmery Silk, a cotton fabric, strikingly new and handsome pat-

Silk Organettes,

ors and black WHITE GOODS.

New patterns in Fancy Striped P. Ks,

A Few Enticing Specials,

for waists or skirts, unmatched values,

Fancy White Goods, for dresses or separate waists, entirely new ideas......15, 20, 25, and Ma.

H. S. Flouncings, for infants' dresses and ladies' skirts, d

inches wide. Extra value 25, 35, 40, and 504

Madras,

fine and light weight, all White, for ladies' waists and men's negliges

all expectation, coal being discovered the steppes of Kirghiz, to the south the railroad; at Djaman-Taou, Gratche Taldys-Koul, and in the Altal Distr in the Jenissel Basin, on both shores Lake Baikal, and along the River An and its tributaries. By a fortunate cumstance, pit coal is also abundant the neighborhood of Vladivostok.

from the sixteenth century down present decade 2,000,000 pounds of a about one tenth of the world's total duction. Even to-day, notwithst the competition of Australia and Africa, Siberia produces gold to t nual amount of \$30,000,000. The pr gold-mining centres are the regi-the Ural mountains and of the river. The Trans-Siberian, by facmeans of communication, and by

means of communication, and by the 2stroduction of modern mining methods, will insure a great development to the gold-mining industry.

It can readily be understood that Russa should be anxious to prevent a seneral European war or a conflict with English until the Trans-Siberian is completed as her pays increased. Finder systing of the pays increased. her navy increased. Under existing cumstances, while Russia is well profor a continental war, she is poorly to fight England. Even combine the French fleet, the relative proof England's naval power to that a sia would be as 37 is to 18. Further sia's great men-of-war are shut up Black Sea, owing to the treatles prevent them from passing the nelles and the Bosphorus. The squadron is blocked by the ice for six months of the year. The Recan, in fact, only derive full advantage from their fleet in the Pacific—that is 19 say, several thousand miles from Toules

As for all the recent silly talk in the French papers concerning a possible vasion of British India by Russia, papers in question seem to forget the Czar's Southern Asiatic frontier separated from India by the mountain chains of Afghanistan, twice as high as the Alps. The invasion of India would be a stupendous undertaking, which chaid only be accomplished by years of efforts.

CASTORIA

Bears the Signature Chart. Fletchire

OLD PAPERS FOR SALE

and the Caspian Sea as far as the Pacific to east, and as far as Afghanistan to the south, and which constitute Russia's colonial empire. Two items published in this government report are of especial in-terest-"communication is now definitely

These two passages show how near at hand is the completion of one of the greatest undertakings in our day. Already

and between the Amor river and Vladiyos-

The Manchurian railway will, after which between 1889 and 1889 only averaged starting from Onon, cross the frontier at between 10,000 and 20,000 per annum, in-Vieux-Tsouroukhtai and meet the Ossouri Line at Nikolskoie. The total length of this road will be 975 miles, 840 miles of which will be on Chinese territory. It is which will be on Chinese territory. It is expected that the line will be open to traffic in five years from now. According to this latest plan, the length of the Trans-Siberian railway will be 4,299 miles. which makes it the longest railroad in the world. The total cost is estimated

an uninterrupted service by steam—first by the trans-Siberian, and then by steam—first sooner than Liverpool. But even more important than these political, military, and commercial advantages, are the ben-efits which Siberia will derive from rapid railway trains will cover the 5,400 miles railway communications. Henceforth, nothing will be wanting to make the great Russian province a prosperous colony. Since that time work, which was begun at both ends simultaneously (between the two points, the time will thanks to the Trans-Siberian, Moscow will receive teas from China a month some they point in the sooner than Liverpool. But even more important than these political, military, and commercial advantages, are the ben-efits which Siberia will derive from rapid the steam of the province in province in province, including, besides common varieties, such rare skins as the black fox and gibeline.

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gion of snow and ice. Already Siberia has a large number of Russian colonists. While it is true that the extreme north-ern regions of the province are bleak and desolate, covered with mosses and "lichens," and inhabited only by hordes Amour, the proportion of Russian inhabitants is seven tenths of the population. Even in the distant province of Fakhahne

> beria has increased in a most unexpected manner during the past few years, owing to the Trans-Siberian. The recent development of Siberia is due entirely to the new road. Emigration, which between 1880 and 1889 only averaged creased to 100,000 in 1895, to 207,000 in 1896, and to 325,000 in 1897. The Russian peas-

Nevertheless, colonization in Asiatic Aussia has been much impeded by the convict system. This subject is one to which the Czar Nicholas and his advisers are known to have given their closest attention, and it is now stated that the As for the advantages to be derived by

Siberian convict system will shortly be abolished, to be replaced by penal settle-

Gold-mining in Siberia is an older indu Siberian towns of Irkoutsk and Tomsk, each with a population of 50,000; of Omsk, with 44,000; Tioumen, 35,000; Barnaoul,

ants of the South now emigrate by whole villages at a time to Siberla.